AMPEX VPR-1 SERIES

Video Production Recorder



THE VPR-1 HELICAL-SCAN VIDEOTAPE RECORDER



Designed from the ground up to broadcasters' standards of excellence.

- Performance
- Reliability
- Versatility
- And the unprecedented automatic scan tracking (AST) system.

A FAMILY OF VIDEOTAPE RECORDERS TO SUIT EVERY APPLICATION



- Broadcast
- Production
- Industrial
- Educational
- Medical



THE BASIC VPR-1

- Standard rack-mount configuration
- Operates in any position

NEED PORTABILITY?

Simply add the optional side-panels, and it becomes

THE STANDUP PORTABLE

- Convenient for table-top use
- Convenient for mobile use



Reverse the side-panels and it's a laydown portable



NEED MORE MOBILITY?

Place the VPR-1 on the roll-around cart



And it becomes a Miniconsole

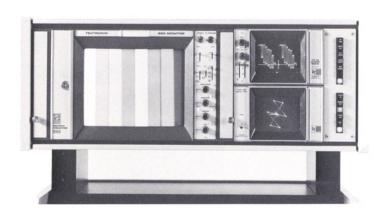


The Miniconsole also accommodates the optional digital time-base corrector shown here

NEED A STUDIO CONSOLE?

The standard rack-mount VPR-1 drops right into a full studio console along with the TBC

- Includes audio monitoring
- TBC remote controls





An overhead bridge with an array of monitoring options may also be fitted . . .



for a full studio console

STILL WANT MORE?

Pull the basic VPR-1 out of the studio console (or Miniconsole)...



and you have two machines in one!

THE VPR-1 PROVIDES

- All the advantages of a field-per-scan recorder
 - No segmentation
 - Economy of operation
 - Slow motion
 - Still framing
- Performance
- Reliability

Start with an absolutely stable cast alloy transport like this

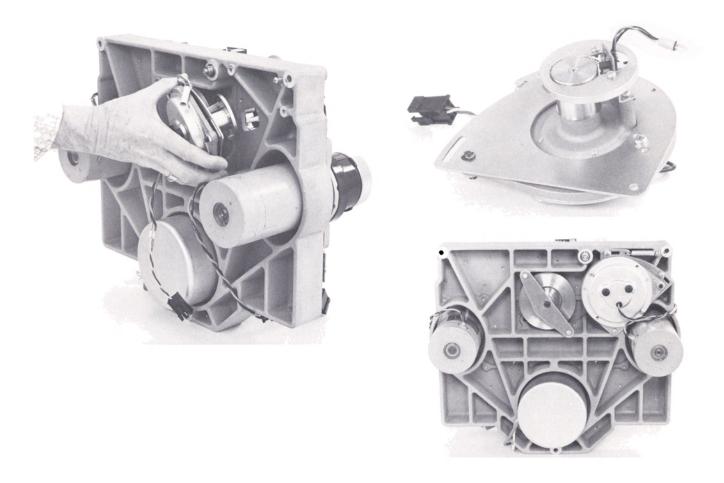


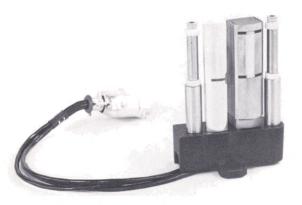
Add powerful direct-drive D.C. reel motors . . .



a self-contained scanner assembly...

... and a fully servoed D.C. capstan motor.





Place precision fixedazimuth audio heads on die-cast head blocks



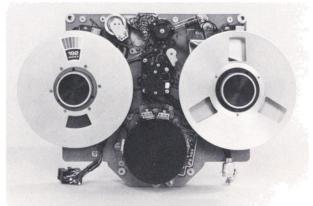
... and include fixed ceramic tape guides, prealigned to the heads for exceptional tracking accuracy.

Add differential mechanical brakes (used ONLY for loss of power)...



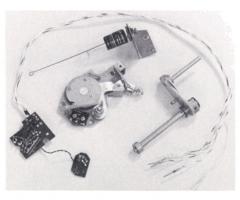
a rugged solenoid operated pinch-roller assembly...



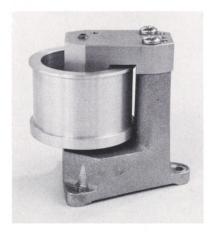




an electronic tape-timer tachometer...

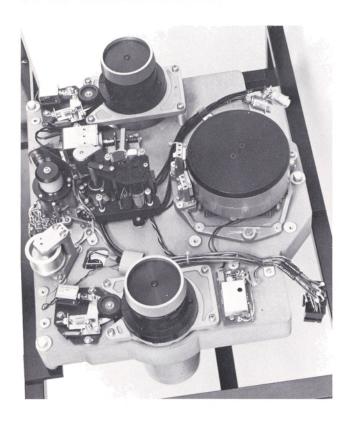


a tension sensor assembly...



and a precision idler assembly.

Put it all together, and you have a rugged transport with the precision built-in, not added on.



A versatile control panel with a professional's choice of controls

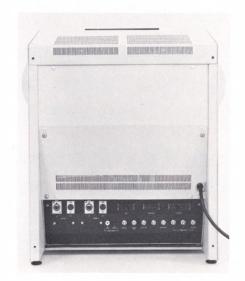


- Electronic tape timer
- Full insert and assemble editing
- Search to cue
- Full motion sensing

Put the signal-system electronics up-front for servicing convenience.
Add quiet "clamshell" head covers.



Bring all input/output connections to a single panel accessible in all configurations.



And you have the most versatile VTR ever offered.



WHAT ARE THE KEY ADVANTAGES OF HELICAL SCAN RECORDING?

- Simplicity
- Low operating costs
- No banding
- Slow motion
- Still-framing

To realize this versatility requires a field-perscan recording system.

But therein lies the nemesis of all helical recorders.

High quality requires a high writing speed and that means a longer scan length. And a longer scan length means difficult tracking... (and difficult interchange).

THERE ARE COMPROMISES...

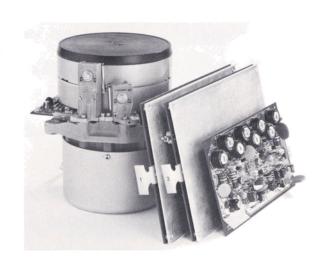
- Segmentation. But segmented scan sacrifices the key advantages of helical.
- Low writing speed. But there goes the quality. These systems must use "color under" or heterodyne color recovery techniques.

Until now high quality helical meant difficult interchange... and frequent adjustment. Now Ampex announces the most significant break-through since helical recording itself...

AUTOMATIC SCAN TRACKING (AST)

The AST system incorporates a unique scanning system which can move in two planes simultaneously...and follow even severely mistracked signals.

Even a tape so badly recorded that it actually crosses over the guard band to the next track can play back perfectly!



This feature is unprecedented in a VTR.

Many tapes which were considered unrecoverable...produce flawless pictures.

- Forget interchange problems
- Forget tape library problems
- It's still the Ampex 1" format

But auto tracking is only the beginning!

1/5 SPEED SLOW-MOTION

- No noise bar
- No jitter
- AST can actually jump tracks to maintain a perfect picture in slow motion
- How perfect? With the optional time base corrector you can broadcast it!



STILL-FRAMING

- No noise bar, no jitter.
- AST gives a perfect—even broadcastable—still frame picture.

MANUAL JOGGING

- "Jog" forward or backward, a frame at a time. The picture remains rock steady an editor's dream come true
- "Sneak up" on an edit in 1/5 speed—then still-frame. Jog if necessary to find the exact edit point
- And finally, use the built-in backspace editor for a perfect edit

And that's not all...

FULL QUALITY VIDEO VERIFICATION

With the AST, as you record, the VPR-1 simultaneously plays back a full-quality reproduceable signal.

- Optimization is easy
- Absolute recording confidence

AUTOMATIC SCAN TRACKING

- Autotracking
- Slow motion (1/5 speed)
- Still frame
- Manual jogging
- Video verification

No other VTR in the world can do all that!

MAINTENANCE? YOU'VE NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD.



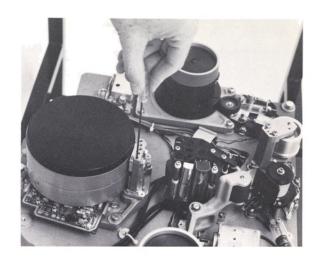
All mechanical assemblies mount from the front (except the capstan drive assembly) quickly and easily.

A convenient extender card is included in the VPR-1.



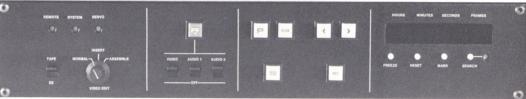
Interchange adjustment is a snap. Set it once and forget it.

All tape guides are fixed, precision assemblies.

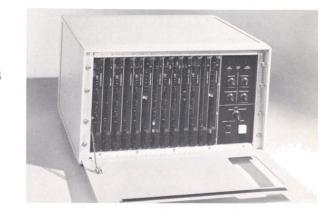


ACCESSORIES

• Full remote control panel



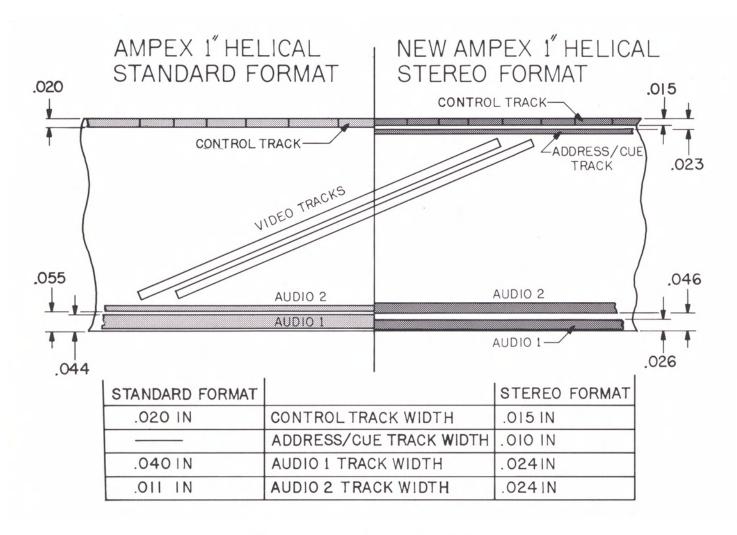
- Wide range digital time-base corrector permits broadcastable
 - Slow-mo
 - Still-frame



- Dual/stereo audio
 - Includes 2 full audio channels
 - Separate monitor electronics
 - Separate cue channel



And is fully compatible with the Ampex 1" format!



Automatic scan tracking



And of course a complete array of packaging and monitoring options.

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